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Determining Martha's Role

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Martha Mitchell still has an office in the Committee to Re-Elect President Nixon headquarters here and she still is considered a "colorful" Republican party drawing card.

But there has been no "determination" whether the wife of the former attorney general and former committee chairman will play an

active role in the campaign, a spokesman said Friday.

Mitchell resigned from his top political post last Saturday, bowing to the wishes of his wife who gave him an "ultimatum" to quit politics or she would leave him.

Mitchell is now back working in his law firm which has an office on the 4th floor of the building

where the committee is located and he is acting as a part-time adviser to Nixon's political chieftains.

Mrs. Mitchell also still has two secretaries who were helping her with her mail and scheduling her public appearances.

The spokesman said that the committee had assigned a security agent to be with Mrs. Mitchell—but only when she was traveling.

He said she has no security protection with her while she is home at the Watergate apartments here. Mrs. Mitchell recently accused the agent, paid by the committee, of yanking the telephone away from her while she was talking to a reporter.

Mrs. Mitchell declined to identify the agent but said he was hired by James McCord, who was fired as the committee's chief of security after he was arrested with four other men on charges of attempting to break into the Democratic National Committee headquarters.

The GOP had considered Mrs. Mitchell a big attraction and had planned to send her on the road with more vote-getting chores. But it was not certain whether the "pressures of public life" would permit her to continue her active role, the spokesman said.